

LOCAL NEWS.

REMARKABLE.—There is a gentleman engaged in the lumber business in this city, who has a friend living in a neighboring county with whom he has many business transactions and consequently a correspondence. But the strange part is that the country friend invariably makes his appearance here the morning after a letter is mailed to him, though the letter does not reach his postoffice until twelve hours after he has left for this city.

THIRD WARD RADICALS.—Another attempt to reorganize the Radical party of the Third Ward will be made to-night. The colored school house on Alfred street, between Princess and Orquoe is the place of meeting. Five or six efforts to effect an organization have already been made, but a sufficient number of the faithful cannot, it seems, be gathered together.

BAD WATER.—As mentioned in yesterday's Gazette, great complaint is made by the residents of the cotton factory neighborhood, of the muddy water with which they are now supplied, and which resembles, it is said, that furnished the citizens of Richmond during a flood in the James river.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.—The daily sessions of the Virginia Corresponding Association of the Old School Baptists, in the Friends' meeting house, south St. Asaph street, are numerous, attended by both white and colored members of that denomination of Christians.

STREET LAMPS.—The Superintendent of Gas is having the street lamps repaired and put in good condition. One of the colored men serving a term of imprisonment in the work house is cleaning the lamps under the charge of a policeman.

LAND SALE.—Messrs. Green & Wise, Real Estate Agents, have just sold the farm of Dr. L. O. Omond, near Nokesville station, containing about three hundred acres to James Mc Elvain of New Jersey for \$25 per acre.

LOCAL BREVITIES.—The mosquitoes tried hard last night to make themselves disagreeable as possible, and succeeded at last in the southern end of the city, which section has heretofore, this summer, been exempt from their annoyances.

It is said that the engineers of the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railroad Company are to survey another route for that road between this city and Quantico—to run by Mount Vernon.

The camp meeting now in progress at Hamilton is reported to be one of the largest ever held in this section of country. Many of the company present are from this city.

Appearances among the wharves, extending from one coal depot to the other, were tolerably lively this morning, but business in other quarters of the city was very dull—the case, however, everywhere now.

A young gentleman appeared on the streets yesterday in the uniform of a Colonel of Virginia militia. He was the object of some attention, and by the militia was supposed to be a French officer on recruiting service.

From the book and periodical store of Mr. Geo. E. French, No. 95 King street, we received this morning the September number of Frank Leslie's Lady's Magazine, with plots of the newest fashions and an interesting table of contents.

POLICE REPORT.—Complaint has been made of the disorderly proceedings of the colored people who nightly congregate in a framed building opposite to and near the jail, and the attention of the police called to the abatement of what to the residents of that locality is a great nuisance.

The attention of the police has been directed to the disorderly conduct of the frequenters of a house on North Royal street, beyond Queen street.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Thomas Freeman, colored, for disorderly conduct at Newtown, was discharged upon the payment of costs.

A colored boy named John Seaton, for striking policeman Arnold, was, on account of his age, discharged with an admonition. The Mayor in dismissing this case took occasion to inform the crowd in the office that the policeman must not be interfered with in the discharge of their duties, and that had it not been for the youth of the offender he would have fined him heavily.

Geo. Lacy, colored, hailing from Georgetown, for disorderly conduct, was discharged upon a promise to quit the city forthwith.

NIGHT REPORT.—There were no unusual quietness last night. One intoxicated man was taken charge of at the station house.

A census of Great Britain is to be taken next year on the "photographic" or instantaneous plan. Blanks are to be left at each house during the last week of March next, to be filled up with particulars of the name, sex, age, rank, profession or occupation, condition, relation to the head of the family, and birthplace of every person who abode in the house on the night of Sunday, the 1st of April, 1870.

The blanks will be collected during the ensuing week, and they will give accurate returns of the population.

It is stated in a Paris paper that by the first of November France will have 2,200,000 chapelets in store.

The Italian government has increased its army and negotiated an extraordinary war loan.

CITY ITEMS.

Only a few more days to remain open. Great bargains can be had in Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods at S. DEXHAM'S, 91 King street, before his removal to Norfolk.

MARRIED.

August 17th, 1870, at the Chapel of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, by Rev. N. C. Pridham, A. S. SHERIDAN, of Virginia, to AMELIA A. SMOCK, daughter of the late Geo. SMOCK, of Baltimore county.

August 10th, 1870, at the Wesley Chapel, Baltimore, by Rev. E. Kinsey, DANIEL STOWES, of Baltimore, to Miss BETTIE WALKER, of Richmond county, Va.

NO. 1 PERUVIAN GUANO. AT REDUCED PRICE.

I have a large stock of NO. 1 PERUVIAN GUANO, warranted pure. Price to country dealers seventy-five dollars per ton, and large lots to trade at seventy-two dollars per ton. Apply to

B. H. LAMBERT, 18 Union wharf.

FOR RENT.—A desirable three story BRICK DWELLING, in good order, on Payne, between Prince and Duke streets. Possession given September 1st. Apply to

B. H. BOOE, Foot of Prince street.

GREEN GINGER! GREEN GINGER! Just received and for sale by

WARFIELD & HALL, aug 18 Corner Prince and Fairfax streets.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

FOREIGN NEWS.

More Fighting—The Battles Around Metz—Prussian and French Accounts—Heavy losses—Resumption of Events since Saturday—Trans-bureau.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—The following official news has been made public here this morning:

"PONTA MOUSSON, Wednesday evening.—Gen. Alvensleben advanced yesterday with the 31 Corps towards the East side of Metz, on the lines of the enemy's retreat towards Verdun. He encountered severe fighting with the divisions of Generals Decant, Adamant, Frossard, Canrobert and the Imperial Guard. General Alvensleben was sustained successfully by the Tenth army corps and by a detachment of the Eighth and Ninth, commanded by Prince Frederick Charles. The enemy was driven upon Metz in spite of his great superiority of force and after a severe combat of twelve hours. The losses on both sides were heavy.

Prussian General Doring and Widel were killed, and Generals Ranch and Gruscher were wounded."

King William to day saluted the troops on the field of battle which is gloriously maintained.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—Telegrams from Paris this morning give the following resume of events since Sunday last. On that day the French army engaged the Prussians before Metz. The latter suffered heavy losses. The French retired on Verdun. On Monday the Emperor was at Gravelotte with 60,000 men. Subsequently, ordered engagements at Longueval. The French are constantly fighting and retreating, contesting every step. On Tuesday the Emperor passed through Verdun and reached Rheims, where he now is.

The Paris Presse says the report that the Prussians had demanded an armistice in order to bury their dead is fully confirmed; and praises Marshal Bazaine for not accepting it. Peasants must bury the dead, and the army continue its work of annihilating the enemy. The French forces are increasing constantly, and the Prussians are decreasing. The hour of a complete victory for France is near. There is great activity on the fortifications of Paris. Thousands of men are at work putting the defenses in a better condition.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—A telegram from Brilgaton fourteen miles northwest of Metz has the following: "An obstinate struggle occurred near Mars le Tour yesterday. It is supposed the engagement was general. Large numbers of wounded of both armies are arriving at Brilgaton. Trainers report that a vast body of Prussians have been thrown back upon the Moselle by the Imperial Guard. The Prussian artillery was entrenched between Brilgaton and Saint Jean."

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The reduction of the minimum rate of discount of the Bank of England to 4 per cent gives greater steadiness to the markets, both here and at Liverpool.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—The Bourse closed firm yesterday; rents 64 francs, 70 centimes.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—An official dispatch from Marshal Bazaine just received, claims a victory over Prince Frederick Charles and Steinmetz between Dancourt and Brionville.

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—Details of the conflict at Pont a Mousson have just been received.

Marshal Bazaine attempting to fall back from Metz to Verdun was attacked at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning by the 5th corps and forced to face about. The Prussians were admirably aided by their artillery and the attack of four army corps, among them the Imperial Guard. After fighting gallantly six hours the Prussian reinforcements arrived opportunely. The French found that the prolongation of the contest would be impossible, and retired upon Metz with a loss of 2,000 prisoners, 2 Eagles and 7 cannon.

The French utterly disregarded the convention of Geneva by mutilating the dead and firing on surgeons ambulances.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—The Soir says: It was feared that certain important railway connections were to be cut by the enemy, which would thwart the present movement of the French army. The General commanding at French army, with a strong column, to prevent this movement of the Prussians and as our communication. That column arrived in time and accomplished the mission.

La Temps says Emile Olivier and his wife have gone to Italy. His departure at such a moment is severely commented upon. The French authorities continue to send away Germans who are considered suspicious. The Journal of France says in this connection that even in the boulevards of great ladies must be searched by the armies of the country. The article creates a sensation.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—Different battles around Metz were fought by the troops of the 31 and 4th corps. About 40,000 French troops engaged. The Prussian loss is very great, computed at 20,000.

The French loss is comparatively small. According to the aid afforded by the cannon of an adjacent of fortress. The investment of Strasbourg is so slack that the French troops have entered and reinforced the garrison. Provisions have been carried there without an attempt at capture. The Paymaster of the French army left there with a large amount of treasure without any hindrance whatever. It would seem that the Prussians have no siege trains. They have given up the idea of a regular siege having attacked Pilsburg unsuccessfully.

The Prussians have retired six kilometres to the valley of Dorsenheim to assure their communications. It is pretty certain that the Prince Royal of Prussia was wounded in one of the battles around Metz.

The Labor Congress

CINCINNATI, Aug. 17.—In the afternoon session of the Labor Congress, Mr. McGuire, of Missouri, submitted a minority report on the President's address declaring for free homestead to every American citizen which he cannot be deprived of by his own act or by Congress; free money or a sufficiency of money furnished and furnished by the Government with the aid of the banks. The report under the interpretation of banks. The question was laid on the table. The question returned on the adoption of the majority report and it was adopted after discussion.

Mr. Dalany, of California, presented resolutions denouncing the Coolie system and asking for the abrogation of the treaty between the United States and China; also opposing the taxation of tiled lands, and imposing the taxation of all lands owned by monopolists and not cultivated.

A number of other resolutions were generally referred to the appropriate committees. The President appointed a committee of Public lands to act in conjunction with the committee on the platform.

Mrs. Lane, of Boston, submitted resolutions endorsing the action of the Labor Congress during the past year, demanding for the tolling of the same rate of wages that members of this Congress receive, etc. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Field of Detroit, introduced a resolution declaring for U. S. legal tender money demanding the immediate relief from internal revenue taxation on whisky, which is to be increased one fifth; asking for a repeal of the duties on articles in common use not grown or manufactured here, &c.

Mr. Davis of Cincinnati, offered a resolution touching prison discipline; substituting schools of reform for the house of correction and Refuge.

Mr. Brady, of Pa., offered a resolution asking for legislative protection to minors.

Congressional Election.

ALBANY, Aug. 18.—Gov. Hoffman has directed that an election be held in the 28th Congressional District on the 8th of November next, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Noah Davis.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Stocks weak. Bonds 1/4 Gold 114 Money and Sterling unchanged. Virginia sixes, ex coupon, 63; new 62 1/2. North Carolina, old, 54 1/2; new 52 1/2. Flour steady. Wheat quiet and steady. Corn lower.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 18.—Virginia sixes, old, 60 bid, 61 asked; do. 1860 60 bid, 61 asked. Cotton—X-midling uplands here; nominally at 19. Flour dull and unchanged; demand light; Howard Street Superfine 65 50; do. Extra 65 50; do. Wheat quiet; Maryland 160 100; good to prime red 135 1/2; inferior 115 1/2; 100 1/2. White Corn 10 1/2; yellow 10 1/2; Oats 45 1/2. Rye 80 1/2. Provisions unchanged.

A CURIOUS CASE.—A most singular and interesting case is about to be tried in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, sitting as a Court of Equity, in which five members of a Hebrew congregation of that city are complainants, and certain officers of the congregation are defendants. The facts charged in the bill filed by the complainants, are substantially as follows: Under the act incorporating the congregation, and the by-laws made in pursuance thereof, the "Chazan," or Recorder, is to be elected for one year. In violation of this provision a certain Mr. Hoffman was elected "Chazan" for five years from the 1st of October, 1869. The "Chazan" is sometimes allowed to preach, and the present incumbent, Mr. Hoffman, has availed himself of this privilege. It is alleged, to discourse to his hearers some new and strange doctrines, and to make alterations in the rites and ceremonies not in accordance with the traditions and beliefs of the Orthodox German Jewish denomination. It is against the usages, customs and traditions of the said denomination for female singers to take part in the choral services; but nevertheless a "mixed" choir has been introduced into Lloyd St. Synagogue, and female singers form a part thereof, in violation, it is alleged, of the usages, customs and traditions. For these and other wrongs alleged to have been done by the defendant, the Court is asked to grant an injunction restraining them from their further commission. It will be a most difficult and delicate matter for a Court of Equity, the Judge of which is not a Hebrew, to determine the duties of a Jewish "Chazan," and decide whether he is or is not acting in accordance with the usages, customs and traditions of the Jewish religion.

FRENCH PROCLAMATION OF BLOCKADE. Paris, August 17.—The Journal Officiel publishes this morning the following notification of the blockade of the coast of the German and Prussian States:—

We, the undersigned, Vice Admiral, Commander-in-Chief of the naval forces of the Emperor of the French in the North sea, considering the state of war between France and Prussia, as well as the States of the North German Confederation, in virtue of the power in us vested, declare that, from and after the 15th day of August, 1870, the coasts of Prussia and the North German Confederation, extending from the island of Barkum to the north of the Eider, with all its ports, harbors, rivers, and roads, are in a state of effective blockade by the naval forces placed in our command, and that friendly or neutral vessels shall be allowed ten days in which to finish loading and quit the blockaded ports. Proceedings will be instituted against all vessels which shall try to break through said blockade according to international law and treaties now in force with neutral Powers.

Given on board of the French Emperor's iron-clad Magistrate, stationed between the English island of Heligoland and the Prussian coast, the 12th day of August, 1870.

Vice Admiral, Commander in Chief, FOURCION.

A PANIC.—A most alarming occurrence took place at Elio, Missouri, recently, the particulars of which are published at length in one of our exchanges. At a performance given in the Court House, which on the occasion was filled chiefly with ladies and children, a chandelier, composed of kerosene lamps, fell to the ground. Some of the lamps broke, spilling the oil on the dresses of the ladies who had been sitting beneath it. The oil ignited, and a fearful panic, but that for the resolution and firmness of some of the men in the audience, who succeeded in keeping the panic-stricken crowd from running over each other in their efforts to get out of the building, would have terminated in one of the most fearful and fatal disasters on record. Many of the women were seriously, but not mortally injured by being burned or trampled upon, and several children who jumped or were thrown over the balustrade of the stairway, or from the windows in the third story to the ground, were bruised and frightened, but, strange to say, neither killed nor crippled.

FRUITS.—There is very general complaint amongst the buyers of watermelons this season in regard to the small size of the melons as compared with those of previous years. Last year, for instance, it was not uncommon to find them weighing as much as forty pounds or even more; this year it is rare to get one which weighs over twenty-five. Nor is the quality of "meat" to be compared with those of more favorable seasons.

Peaches raised in this section are not as large or as plentiful as in former years, though, so far as we are able to judge, their flavor is fully equal to any we have ever tasted.

Late apples and pears, owing to the long-continued drought, are not maturing well, and it is feared that the crop of winter apples will be short.—Rich. Dispatch.

SINGULAR ACCIDENT.—When the down mail train on the Chesapeake and Ohio road arrived at the depot on yesterday morning before daylight a passenger, in attempting to jump from the baggage car to the platform, missed his step and fell, fracturing one of his legs about midway below the knee. The unfortunate man was immediately picked up and supported by some of the bystanders, was enabled to hobble to an omnibus, when he was conveyed to the Danville depot, on his way home. Although he carried the fractured portion with him, he suffered absolutely no pain, and humorously remarked that the carpenter would set him all right upon his pines again when he reached home.—Rich. Dis.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

Sound Logic for the Sick.

The invalid has often good reasons to exclaim, "save me from my friends." As a general thing, each of them will have a different medicine to propose, and if he follows all their prescriptions, he will soon find himself in a worse condition than when he began. The only reliable course in any case of sickness is to resort promptly to a specific which has stood the test of a long and widely extended public experience, and obtain on solid and sufficient grounds the reputation of a Standard Remedy. This rank among the restoratives is normally belonging to right and beyond all dispute, to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Let those who are taking it at this debilitating season as an invigorant answer for themselves as to its tonic properties. Can any dyspeptic, who has ever used it, question its efficacy as a stomachic over every other medicine? Can any person of bilious habit, who has ever taken it for liver complaint, doubt its efficiency? It is believed among the tens of thousands who are now using, or have heretofore used it as an alterative and corrective, not one can be found who would exchange it for any other preparation in the known world.

For intermittent fevers, nervous debility, constipation, sick stomach, and all complaints arising from indigestion or irregular action of the blood, it is the only article which can be conscientiously guaranteed, and no one who is thoroughly acquainted with its virtues will allow interested dealers in worthless slops, on which they make a larger profit, to deprive them in the place of the great vegetable restorative.

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NOTICE.—We have on hand a large stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's BOOTS and SHOES, and in order to reduce our stock, will sell at greatly reduced prices. All is want will do well to call at 74 King street.

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FOR RENT—The large and desirable BRICK DWELLING, No. 35 N. Fairfax street. Apply to

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FOR RENT—THE STORE, No. 230 King street. Apply at 107 King street.

COOK & ORRINGTON, nov 16

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CHARLES SPRINGS. This favorite resort is now ready for the reception of the guests. Pleasant, healthy, and comfortable. Its proximity to Alexandria and the cities of the District renders it the most desirable place in this section of country for a day's enjoyment. Application can be made to NATHANIEL HAYES, Agent, at L. F. C. in the depot of the A. C. & F. R. R. aug 2-4

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Congress having just amended the Bankruptcy law so that nearly all parties can be discharged from their debts unburdened by the fifty per cent clause, we call, another opportunity offers to secure the benefits of this most effective and permanent measure of relief. The above-named will make bankrupts a specialty; will procure discharges for the most distressed and distressed business men; and will, in all cases, secure the most favorable results. Being U. S. Commissioner, he will endeavor to visit the different counties on court days, and thus save parties the trouble and expense of several trips to Alexandria in seeking and procuring their cases. Discharges can be obtained here before Register Hall as promptly as in Richmond or elsewhere, and at much less expense to parties. It may be added that the Bankruptcy act, in connection with the Homestead exemption, which is now believed will be secured to the bankrupt under the bankruptcy law, is the only real relief now offered to parties struggling in the hopeless bondage of old debts. Address personally or by letter at No. 12 south Royal street, Alexandria, July 19-18

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TOURNAMENT. A Tournament and Ladies' Fair, at KING GEORGE C. H., Va., will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 31st of August,